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SUBJ: US-USSR AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION:

4TH ECONOMIC WORKING GROUP MEETING--AGRIBUSINSS PROJECT.

1. REQUEST AGATT TRANSMIT TEXT OF LETTER FROM MINYARD TO  
V.A. MOROZOV, INSTITUTE OF WORLD ECONOMY AND INTERNATIONAL  
RELATIONS, USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, WITH COPIES TO RUNOV  
AND KOVALEV.

2.

DEAR MR. MOROZOV:

LAST JUNE DEPUTY MINISTER RUNOV MET WITH DARWIN STOLTE OF THE  
COOPERATORS' COUNCIL AND ME HERE IN WASHINGTON TO  
DISCUSS THE AGRIBUSINESS PROJECT AND THE COOPERATOR TEAM VISIT  
TO THE USSR. AT THAT TIME, MR. RUNOV SUGGESTED THAT THE U.S.  
SIDE PROVIDE A LIST OF QUESTIONS TO THE USSR SIDE THAT  
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WOULD CLARIFY ITS OBJECTIVES AND GOALS UNDER THE AGRIBUSINESS

PROJECT.

THESE QUESTIONS WERE SENT TO THE USSR SIDE IN JULY 1974.(A  
COPY OF THAT LIST OF QUESTIONS IS ENCLOSED.)

WHEN THE COOPERATOR TEAM ARRIVED IN THE SOVIET UNION IN  
SEPTEMBER, WE AGAIN REQUESTED ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS.  
AT THAT TIME, WE WERE INFORMED THAT ANSWERS WOULD BE  
PROVIDED AT THE CLOSING SESSION OF THE TEAM'S VISIT. THE MATTER  
WAS DISCUSSED AT THAT CLOSING SESSION, AND THE USSR SIDE  
AGREED TO PROVIDE ANSWERS IN WRITING WHEN FEASIBLE. THE  
LIST OF QUESTIONS WAS AGAIN SUBMITTED TO THE USSR SECRETARIAT  
IN JANUARY OF 1975, BUT WE STILL HAVE NOT HEARD ANYTHING  
ON THIS SUBJECT FROM THE USSR SIDE.

IT IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR US TO PLAN OUR WORK UNDER THIS  
PROJECT WITHOUT THE SOVIET RESPONSE. WE WOULD, THEREFORE, LIKE  
TO SUGGEST THAT WRITTEN ANSWERS BE PROVIDED TO ONE OF THE  
DELEGATES TO THE FOURTH ECONOMIC WORKING GROUP MEETING IN MAY.  
IF ANSWERS CANNOT YET BE PROVIDED, WE WOULD AT LEAST  
APPRECIATE KNOWING THE VIEWS OF THE USSR SIDE ON THIS MATTER.

SINCERELY,

JIMMY MINYARD

CCCHRUNOV  
KOVALEV  
NEETZ  
GAVVA

QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGRICBUSINESS  
PROJECT SUBMITTED BY THE US SIDE

1. WHAT ARE THE SPECIFIC PLANS FOR EXPANDING LIVESTOCK  
PRODUCTION IN THE USSR?
  2. WHAT ARE THE BASIC GENETIC STRAINS OF LIVESTOCK AND  
POULTRY IN THE USSR, AND WHAT PLANS ARE THERE FOR HERD OR FLOCK  
IMPROVEMENT?
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3. WHICH CLASSES OF LIVESTOCK ARE BEING GIVEN PRIORITY IN  
PRODUCTION PLANS AND WHAT ARE THESE PRIORITIES?
4. HOW ARE DECISIONS MADE THAT HAVE AN IMPACT ON LIVESTOCK  
PRODUCTION?
5. WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH GROUP INVOLVED IN

PLANNING, PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF LIVESTOCK?

6. HOW ARE RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION RESULTS TRANSFERRED TO LARGE-SCALE PRODUCTION UNITS?

7. BEYOND THE USE OF MATHEMATICAL MODELS, WHAT PARTICULAR US TECHNOLOGY AND BREEDING DO THE SOVIETS FEEL WOULD BE USEFUL IN THE LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION PROGRAM?

8. WHERE A SYSTEM, I.E., COMBINED TECHNOLOGY AND/OR COMPONENTS ARE DESIRED TO ACHIEVE PRODUCTIVE OBJECTIVES, WHAT INCENTIVES ARE AVAILABLE TO US COMMERCIAL SOURCES IN THE FORM OF JOINT VENTURE, PARTNERSHIP AND/OR CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS? IS THERE A PREFERENCE ON COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENT, AND WHAT WOULD BE THE DETAILED STRUCTURE OF SUCH ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING METHOD OF HARD CURRENCY REIMBURSEMENT.

9. IS AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM DESIRED IN ANY SECTOR OF PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING, REQUIRING THE IMPORTATION OF SELECT BREEDING AND/OR GENETIC STOCK, EQUIPMENT AND/OR OTHER ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS; WHO (USSR) WILL COORDINATE INTER-AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES AND ESTABLISH PRIORITY OBJECTIVES?

10. WHAT CONSIDERATION AND/OR PROGRAMMING IS THE SOVIET UNION GIVING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRAINED AND EXPERIENCED MANAGEMENT IN THE FIELD OF COMMERCIAL AGRIBUSINESS?

11. WHAT ARE THE MAJOR NON-HEALTH PROBLEMS LIMITING MAXIMUM LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTION, TOTAL AND INDIVIDUAL ANIMAL?

13. WHAT IS THE STRUCTURE OF THE FEED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY? WHAT IS THE ANNUAL OUTPUT OF MIXED FEEDS BY CLASS OF LIVESTOCK? UNCLASSIFIED

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14. WHAT IS THE YEAR-BY-YEAR UTILIZATION OF GRAINS, GRAIN BY-PRODUCTS, PROTEIN SUPPLEMENTS AND OTHER FEEDS, BY CLASSES OF LIVESTOCK, IN THE USSR?

15. WHAT ARE THE ESTIMATED QUANTITIES OF ANIMAL FEED INGREDIENTS WHICH WILL NEED TO BE IMPORTED IN 1974-75?

16. WHAT SYSTEM IS USED IN DETERMINING PROFITS AND LOSSES IN THE FIELD OF LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION?

17. WERE THERE ANY POINTS IN THE BROILER PROJECT SUBMITTED TO THE SOVIETS BY THE AGRICULTURAL COOPERATOR COUNCIL THAT HAVE POSSIBILITIES FOR A PROJECT?

18. TO WHAT EXTENT, AND HOW, ARE PLANT BREEDERS WORKING TO IMPROVE  
NUTRITIVE QUALITY OF FEEDING MATERIALS PRODUCED IN  
THE USSR (HIGH PROTEIN GRAINS, HIGH LYSINE GRAINS, ETC.)?

19. WHEAT IS AN IMPORTANT LIVESTOCK FEED IN THE SOVIET UNION?  
HOW MUCH WHEAT IS FED TO LIVESTOCK, YEAR BY YEAR?  
WHAT FACTORS INFLUENCE THE DETERMINATION OF QUANTITY OF  
WHEAT USED FOR LIVESTOCK FEED?

20. WHAT PROPORTION OF TOTAL GRAIN FED TO LIVESTOCK IS  
UNPROCESSED? WHAT CHANGES ARE EXPECTED THAT WILL REDUCE THIS  
QUANTITY?

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